

**McCALLIE, THOMAS**  
**(1795-1859)**  
**PAPERS**  
**1821-1854**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

The Thomas McCallie Papers (1821-1868) are centered around Thomas McCallie (1795-1859), merchant, Rhea County, Tennessee. The papers of Thomas McCallie are concerned primarily with suits for debts owed to him as a merchant in Rhea County. The collection occupies .48 cubic feet of shelf space, and numbers approximately 300 items.

The Thomas McCallie Papers are a gift of Mrs. Helen McDonald Exum on behalf of the National Society of Colonial Dames of America through the agency of Mr. Kinchen Exum of Chattanooga, Tennessee.

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## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Thomas McCallie was born September 4, 1795, in Blount County, Tennessee. At age nineteen, he established a mercantile business in Washington, Rhea County, Tennessee, and in 1840 moved to Chattanooga, becoming one of the earliest business men in the city. While in Chattanooga, he operated a store and a flour mill, and a number of other enterprises. McCallie volunteered and served in the War of 1812, as colonel in the Tennessee militia. He also served for many years as a deacon in the First Presbyterian Church of Chattanooga, and was politically aligned with the Whig party. He died in Chattanooga in 1859.

His wife, Mary Alexander Hooke, was born June 27, 1799, at Maryville, Blount County, Tennessee, a daughter of a Virginian by birth. Thomas and Mary McCallie had four children: Thomas Hooke, Elizabeth, Robert, and Albert McCallie. Thomas Hooke McCallie founded the McCallie School for Boys at Chattanooga, and as citizens of Chattanooga, the McCallie family were active in the Presbyterian church, McCallie School for Boys, and the Girls' Preparatory School of Chattanooga.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT**

The Thomas McCallie Papers, spanning the years 1821-1868, are composed of correspondence, court records, financial documents, legal documents, and notices.

The bulk of the collection is comprised of court records and legal documents dealing with Thomas McCallie, as a merchant in Rhea County, Tennessee. These records contain a large number of summons, warrants, chattel warrants, depositions, indictments, judgments, orders of sale, subpoenas, a court transcript, promissory notes, receipts, administrator bonds, appearance bonds, attachment bonds, bills of costs, estate papers, inventories, indentures, merchants bonds, petitions, report in equity, security bond, a stay of judgment, and notices of the Rhea County Circuit Court, 1834.

One the more interesting documents in the collection is a warrant for the arrest of William Bandy for debts of four dollars and forty cents.

## CONTAINER LIST

### **Box 1**

1. Correspondence--Rice-Wallace
2. Court records--Affidavits, 1825-1836
3. Court records--Chattel warrants, 1826-1827
4. Court records--Chattel warrants, 1828
5. Court records--Chattel warrants, 1829
6. Court records--Chattel warrants, 1830-1832
7. Court records--Chattel warrants, 1833
8. Court records--Chattel warrants, 1834-1843
9. Court records--Depositions, 1827(3)
10. Court records--Indictment, 1825-1832
11. Court records--Judgment, 1828-1834
12. Court records--Memorandum, 1830
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19. Court records--Transcript, 1835
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21. Financial documents--Promissory notes, 1829-1831
22. Financial documents--Promissory notes, 1832-1835
23. Financial documents--Receipts, 1827-1839
24. Legal documents--Administrators Bond, 1830
25. Legal documents--Appearance Bond, 1827-1828
26. Legal documents--Attachment, 1827-1833
27. Legal documents--Bills of costs, 1827-1835
28. Legal documents--Estate papers, inventory, n.d.
29. Legal documents--Indentures, 1833
30. Legal documents--Merchants bond, 1832-1837
31. Legal documents--Petitions, n.d.
32. Legal documents--Prosecution bond, 1833
33. Legal documents--Report in equity, 1834
34. Legal documents--Security bond, n.d.
35. Legal documents--Stay of judgment, 1823-1834
36. Notices--Circuit Court of Rhea County, 1834